

# THE AMAZON RAINFOREST



A workbook to support  
your child's understanding  
of The Amazon Rainforest.

**PART 1**

# WHAT IS A RAINFOREST?



Using information from <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/encyclopedia/rain-forest/> fill in the missing words.

A rainforest is an area of \_\_\_\_\_, mostly evergreen trees and a high amount of \_\_\_\_\_. Rainforests thrive on every continent except \_\_\_\_\_. The largest rainforests on Earth surround the \_\_\_\_\_ in South America and the \_\_\_\_\_ in Africa. Most rainforests are structured in four layers: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Answer these questions:

1. What does the word **flora** mean?
2. Describe the 4 layers of a rainforest.

# RAINFOREST FACTS

## Rainforest Facts



Some important things to remember about our Earth's beautiful rainforests.



**What is a rainforest?** 

A rainforest is a very thick forest filled with plants and trees that grow well in a very wet climate. There are so many trees that the bottom of the forest sees very little sunlight. Depending on its location the average yearly rainfall in rainforests is usually 68-98 inches (1750-2500 mm). All rainforests are endangered. This means they are disappearing. We must save them. Learn more about rainforests by watching this video at our rainforest partner's web site: <http://www.supernaturaladventures.com/> You can learn about the Kids for Saving Earth Rainforest here: <http://kidsforsavingearth.org/programs/rainforest.htm>

**Additional Resources**  
The Prince's Rainforest Project:  
<http://schools.rainforestsos.org/kids>  
Sounds of the rainforest:  
<http://schools.rainforestsos.org/free-resources/rainforest-multimedia/rainforest-sounds>

**Where are rainforests located?** 



Tropical rainforests are warm and near the equator and in Central and South America, West Africa, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands.

Other rainforests are in cool temperate climates near the North Pacific coast of North America as well as in Chile, Japan, the United Kingdom, Southern Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania and more. The Kids for Saving Earth Rainforest is located in Costa Rica. You can help protect it. [Learn how by clicking here.](#)

**Why are rainforests disappearing?** 

Each year millions of acres of rainforests are disappearing. Every second, an area the size of a football field disappears. That's over 31 million football fields of rainforest each year.

- \*The trees are being cut down for wood for construction, furniture and burning.
- \*The rainforests are being cleared for farming and cattle grazing.
- \*Building roads takes down rainforest as well.

[www.kidsforsavingearth.org](http://www.kidsforsavingearth.org)

1. What is a rainforest?
2. What does the word **endangered** mean?
3. Find out the name and location of 3 rainforests in the world.

# THE AMAZON RAINFOREST

KS1:



KS2:



# THE FOUR LAYERS OF THE RAINFOREST

There are four main parts of a Rainforest. They are:

**Emergent Layer** - very sunny because it is the very top. Only the tallest trees reach this level.

**Who lives here?** Birds, butterflies and small monkeys live with bats, snakes and bugs.

**Canopy Layer** - much of the rain is stopped by the thick foliage. Most trees in the forest grow to this height. There are plants that grow in the canopy layer. Their roots do not reach the ground. These are called air plants.

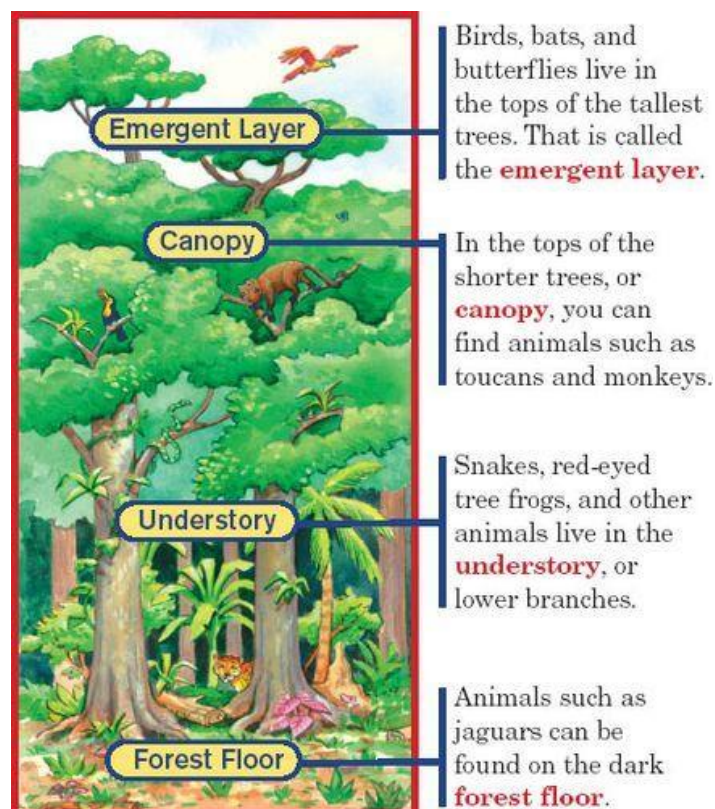
**Who lives here?** Birds, monkeys, frogs, and sloths, as well as lizards, snakes and many insects.

**Understory Layer** - many vines, dense vegetation, not much light.

**Who lives here?** Birds, butterflies, frogs and snakes

**Forest Floor** - dark, damp, full of many dead leaves, twigs and dead plants. The forest floor is dark due to the trees above stopping the sunlight from entering the forest. It is estimated that only 2% of the sunlight actually reaches the floor.

**Who lives here?** Jaguars in South America, gorillas and leopards in Africa and tapirs and tigers and elephants in Asia.



# TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

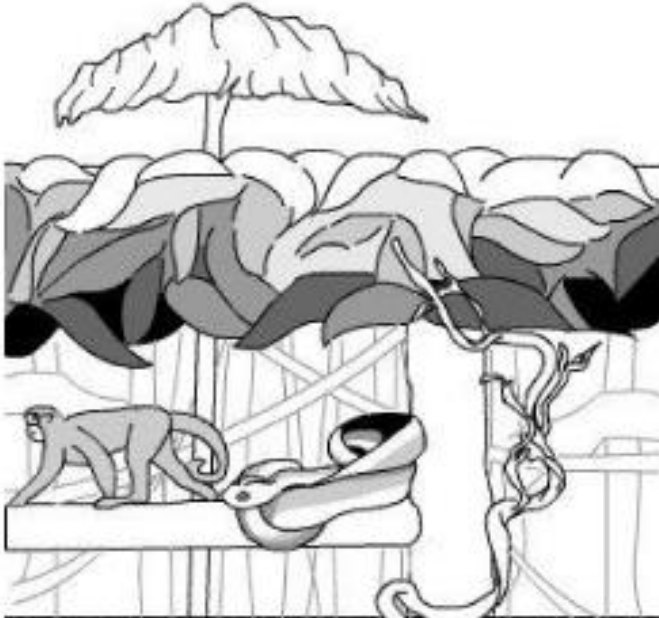
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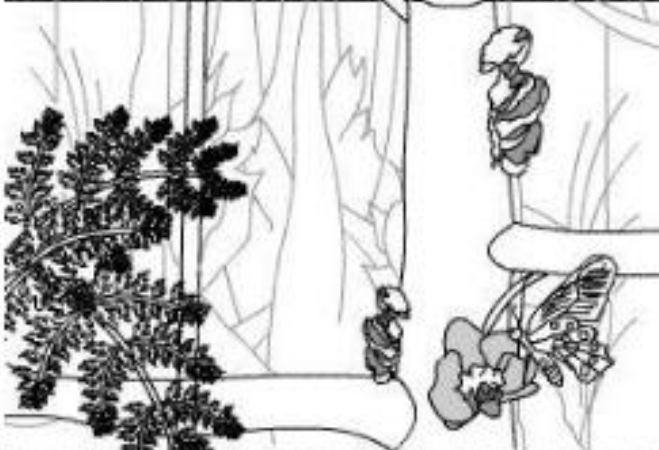
## The Layers of the Rainforest

*Describe each layer of the rainforest!*

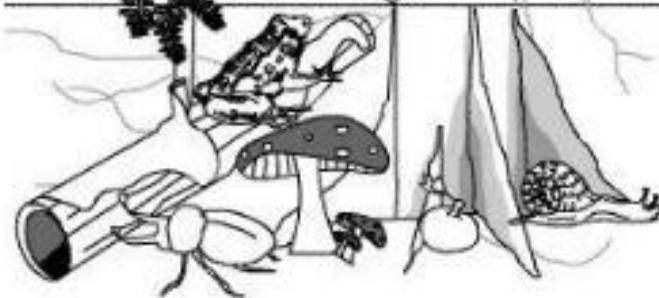
*Emergent Layer*



*Canopy*



*Understory*



*Forest Floor*



# ANIMALS LIVING IN THE AMAZON RAINFOREST



Using the internet to research, find out which out these animals live in the Amazon Rainforest.

KS2: Of the animals that are left, why are these species not found in the Amazon Rainforest?

Extra:

Can you find out which animals are only found in the Amazon Rainforest?



## FIND OUT MORE

<https://www.actionaid.org.uk/school-resources/resource/ks1-amazon-rainforest-brazil-package>

<https://www.actionaid.org.uk/school-resources/resource/ks2-amazon-rainforest-brazil-package>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/zb2jmp3>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/rainforest-habitats>